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## Labour room may close

JENN WATT

Staff Reporter

The only obstetrical doctor at Haliburton Hospital says he may have to leave the community if a recommendation to close the hospital's only obstetrical bed is accepted by the Local Health Integration Network (LHIN).

Dr. Norm Bottum performs between eight to 13 deliveries a year to low-risk patients, but would no longer be allowed to do so based on the hospital clinical services plan, publicly released Wednesday.

"If I want to keep doing deliveries and they've done that [passed the recommendation], my other option is to leave and do something else. That's what the ministry [of health] is basically forcing me to do," Bottum said in an interview.

The local midwife, Rebecca Weeks-Toth, is disheartened by the prospect of losing the obstetrical unit and said she had been working closely with the Haliburton Hospital to get privileges to use the facilities for her patients.

"It does have a huge impact on this community. The mandate of the Ministry of Health is to allow women to birth close to home and everything has been working in that direction over time.

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MARTHA PERKINS/Echo

### Skating friends

Ryan Rupnow and Taylor Davies take a break from skating around Wilberforce arena to support each other's participation in Wilberforce Elementary School's skate-athon. By skating laps around the arena, the students raised at least \$1,100 for the end-of-year trip and classroom science materials.

## Sparks but no flames at byelection debate

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Anyone expecting fireworks at Thursday night's all-candidates meeting had to be content with a few incendiary flares that failed to spark a more heated debate.

Conservative candidate John Tory was asked only one question about former MPP Laurie Scott's

decision to step down to allow him, as leader of her party, to get a seat at the Queen's Park table. He even earned a laugh from the audience in the Delta Pinestone Resort's ballroom when he said that he learned his lesson about religious school funding in the last election and was never going to even mention the topic ever again.

Green Party candidate Mike Schreiner was taken to task by one of his predecessors, Doug Smith, who was angry that the party "steamrolled" Schreiner as the candidate rather than hold a nomination meeting. Schreiner defended the party's decision and more than held his own

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## Highlands East mourns loss of long-time reeve

JENN WATT

Staff Reporter

Former Highlands East politician and champion of the Wilberforce community, Keith Tallman passed away Sunday afternoon at Peterborough hospital.

Tallman, 76, had been in the hospital for more than a month with heart problems and other ailments.

He was well known in Wilberforce and across the county for his 39 years in local politics – first as reeve of Monmouth, then of Highlands East, counting two years as warden of the county as well – and for his role in establishing many of the local facilities such as Lloyd Watson Centre and the arena. When he retired in 2006, Tallman dedicated his time to Maple View seniors' apartments, which he also helped found.

"He brought so much to Monmouth especially. It was unbelievable," says Dave Burton, Tallman's replacement as reeve of Highlands East.

Burton was at a municipal conference in Toronto when he heard the news. "I was really shaken. It's a very sad day in Highlands East. Keith had such a loyalty and commitment to the people

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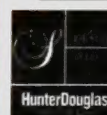
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## Even deer feeling the effects of long winter

JENN WATT

Staff Reporter

Deep snow and unusually cold conditions prompted the Ministry of Natural Resources to begin feeding deer last week.

It is not normal practice for the MNR to support the local deer population, but after monitoring the winter conditions and taking into account how bad last winter was, the ministry decided to step in.

"The deer are in – and have been in – a deep snow condition for quite some time. It's more difficult for them to move around in deep snow. They expend more energy when they're moving around in deep snow and moving around in deep snow slows them down and makes them more available to predators," said Doug Skeggs, special project manager at the MNR.

There has been more snow and colder temperatures this winter than last year, with the average temperature in January at 15 below with the coldest drop at -34 C. In January 2008 the average was -5 C.

Snow has already surpassed last year's deluge. From November to January 31 of this year 240 centimetres fell. Last year that number was 222 cm.

"We noticed lower deer numbers this year from last winter. And that's one of the reasons we geared up for this winter," Skeggs said.

Deer numbers are recorded through hunter success, so when hunters had a bad fall season, it means the previous winter was particularly hard on deer.

For the past month, MNR staff have been carving trails in deer yards with snowmobiles to allow deer to walk freely to food sources. This week they've begun distributing bagged deer feed to areas they know deer congregate. "We're trying to get out to some very critical ones on Crown land where we know there's a large deer concentration and getting some food on the ground for them."

Although people should not feed deer, Skeggs said he realizes that people do it anyway and advises that if you start feeding deer in the winter you can't stop until all of the snow has melted.

"If you've started feeding deer, don't stop, because then you've got a number of deer who are depending on you," Skeggs said.

Another caution: if you are feeding deer, buy special deer feed. Putting out food like hay could end up killing the deer you're trying to help. Their stomachs are not designed to digest hay or other high-protein foods and although they will eat it, they won't actually be nourished and can starve. Likewise, you should establish multiple feeding stations or else the dominant deer will eat all of the food from a central location.

Skeggs said that while the deer population is having a tough time this winter, moose are fine and that because of their size and weight, the snowfall is not as much of an issue.



Gooderham residents gathered for the grand opening of their very own community outdoor rink on Family Day.

## Build an outdoor rink and the people of Gooderham will come for a skate

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

The community of Gooderham has its very own rink of dreams and on Family Day, the community held a grand opening with a barbeque lunch and some serious skating.

The outdoor rink took 15 full days to build, measures 100 feet long and 80 feet wide. And while last Monday was the official opening the rink has been skate-able for more than a month now.

Just ask 13-year old Gooderham resident Nick Hunter.

"I've been here almost every day since [the rink] has had ice on it," said Nick.

The rink was made possible thanks to a number of people in the community: Gooderham Community in Action members Jennifer Horner and Jason Boylan, the Gooderham LCBO which helped with fundraise a bottle drive, John Glass of J.P.G. Decks who managed and built the rink, the Highlands East fire department for flooding, and the the municipality of Highlands East which helped build the rink.

"It's going to bring the community together," said councillor Donna Graham on a beautiful and sunny holiday Monday.

The rink is a lot more than Graham initially imagined when she first mentioned constructing something small and closer to the community centre.

The rink's eventual home is on the bigger of the two tennis courts just across from the fire hall.

"The next thing I know Jennifer [Horner] at the liquor store started getting the bottle drive going and they raised a lot of money."

The money raised from the bottle drive was enough to purchase lumber. Once Glass built the rink, "the fireman took over and they did all the flooding and everything," said Graham. "They were out here a good many nights trying to get the ice built up."

Graham says an undisclosed monetary grant from Hydro One will also help fund equipment for playground and the rink, which will include lights and nets.

## Devolin supports scrapping long-gun registry

JENN WATT

Staff Reporter

Local MP Barry Devolin has pledged his support of a private member's bill that would scrap the controversial long-gun registry for good and hopes that members from the other parties will vote along with him.

Saskatchewan MP Garry Breitkreuz has introduced Bill C-301 that would do away with the pricey registry despised by many hunters and farmers in rural Canada.

"[The Conservatives'] argument has always been that the long-gun regis-

try is of limited value and given how much money it costs, the dollars could be better spent somewhere else," Devolin said in an interview.

Originally projected to cost a few million dollars, the registry has ended up costing more than \$2 billion over the 14 years it has been operational.

"Critics of the system have always said that this doesn't do anything to deal with criminals that are using firearms. The vast majority of gun crime in Canada is committed with handguns, not long guns. And the vast majority of that is committed by people that are not legally registered owners of those guns," Devolin said.

Because C-301 will be introduced as a private member's bill, it would not put the Conservative minority government in jeopardy if it fails. The party hasn't introduced its own bill on the subject, but rather has granted amnesty to those who haven't registered their long-guns until May of this year.

Breitkreuz's bill would maintain the handgun registry and firearms owners would still require a licence. It would also ask the Auditor General to do public safety tests on gun control legislation every five years.

The first reading of the bill is expected in April, with the second reading in June, Devolin said.



# Most candidates stress their ties to riding

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when responding to the concerns of local voters.

NDP newcomer Lyn Edwards said that Liberal candidate Rick Johnson would be nothing but a "lame mouthpiece" for Premier Dalton McGuinty. The comment hung in the air until Johnson's next opportunity to speak but it fell to the ground when he chose not to respond.

If you were to base your opinion on the audience's questions, the main issue facing the voters of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock is the province's continuing reliance on nuclear energy. The seven candidates present – there will be at least nine names on the ballot – had to repeatedly weigh in on the debate whether the environment costs of producing nuclear power were worth it.

The evening was the only opportunity local voters will get to see most of the candidates in one room together.



PC John Tory stressed his commitment to work hard for the riding.

Sponsored by the *Haliburton County Echo*, the *Minden Times* and 100.9 Canoe FM, the debate had to be fit to the tight campaign schedule leading up to the March 5 byelection.

The evening's moderator, Jim Blake, kept everyone to a strict, and polite, timetable in an effort to cram as many issues as possible into the two-hour format.

In his opening remarks, Schreiner introduced himself as a family man, entrepreneur and advocate of local food sources. He promised "honesty and hard work and sensible



Liberal Rick Johnson, a long-time trustee, repeatedly referred to his life in the riding.

diately and the riding would benefit from having an MPP from the ruling party.

He stressed that he's lived in Pontypool for more than 20 years and would provide a local voice. He lost to Laurie Scott in the previous election and while never directly attacking John Tory, he often alluded to the fact that Tory doesn't live here. Johnson said both his father and father-in-law fought in the Second World War and he has two nephews in Afghanistan, "all to defend democracy." Democracy is when people send someone from their community to Queen's Park to be their voice. As a school board trustee, he's spent the past 12 years "fighting for children."



The Green Party's Mike Schreiner was a natural on nuclear power debate.

solutions" as the best way to deal with things. "We need change – new ideas and new ways of thinking." Since his party has no sitting MPP, electing him would be a "safe" way of making history.

Rick Johnson put farms, the environment and family on the top of his list of priorities. He said the local economy was stagnant, evidenced by having the lowest average income in the province. All parties have to work together and education is the cornerstone of any arch of prosperity. Infrastructure projects must begin immediately and the riding would benefit from having an MPP from the ruling party.

"We need action now," he said. "We don't need confrontation, we need help. I will be here. What we need on March 6 is someone to work with the government and say, 'We need help.'"

Jake Pothaar of the Family Coalition Party spoke of what he saw as society's eroding family values. A father of 10, he's raised and educated all of his children in the county and has also

worked hard to support other families. "The family is in great trouble," he said. Couples are breaking up, most families have two working parents and children aren't getting the input from parents they deserve. He wants voters to demonstrate their support for traditional family values.

Farmer and entrepreneur Bill Denby of the Freedom Party spoke repeatedly about his plan to bring 300 jobs into the community with a "disintegration" plant that would solve most waste management problems. He'd donate half his salary to the United Way because he believes it would do the best job of spending it in ways that benefit constituents. He cast himself as someone who would challenge government. "I'm a real fighter. If I walk into Queen's Park they'll already know I arrived."

Lyn Edwards, a union leader in the City of Kawartha Lakes, thanked Haliburton County warden Dave Burton for his "leadership in these tough economic times." She repeatedly attacked Premier McGuinty, vowing to "hold his feet to the fire" as MPP. "It's time to demand better." She noted that poverty levels are up and people are losing their jobs. The NDP has an aggressive five-point plan to restore the economy.

Independent Jason Taylor says that he can best represent the people of the riding because he's most like them. A resident of Cannington, he's without a family doctor – he promised that he wouldn't get one until every person in the riding has one – and his two children are in public schools. His friends are getting laid off and entrepreneurs need help to get started. He said, "If we always do what we've always done, we'll always get what we've already gotten."

John Tory acknowledged the byelection was "unexpected" but said the reason has not been uncommon throughout Canada's history. He asked voters to think of what they could do together, saying he would put his business experience to work to help fix the riding's unemployment problems and encourage the arts and tourism.

He made four commitments: he'd be accessible; he'd get things done based on what his constituents tell him needs to be done; he'd defend what we have; and he wouldn't let the riding down.

There is a brief synopsis of the candidates' answers to various questions, along with video from the forum, posted on the *Echo's* website, [www.haliburtonecho.ca](http://www.haliburtonecho.ca).

Debate photos by Jenn Watt

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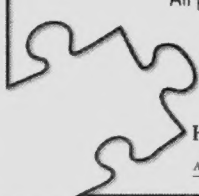
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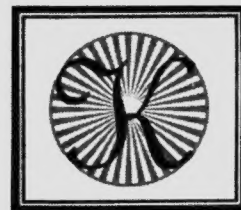
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# Five other candidates want your vote

EWN WATT

Staff Reporter

There are nine candidates running in the March 5 byelection. Besides the big four PC, Liberal, NDP and Green – there are five other candidates who have unique platforms looking for votes. This is a brief summary of who those candidates are and what they stand for.

## Jason Taylor, Independent

Taylor decided to run as soon as he heard former MPP Laurie Scott was quitting. He said he has conservative values, but was insulted that John Tory would run in a riding that wasn't his home.

"He's not local; he doesn't know what we need. He doesn't feel it. He doesn't have to live there, his friends aren't the ones getting laid off, his family's not the one without the doctors," he said in an interview.

Taylor works for a phone company and lives in Cannington with his wife and two kids. He describes himself as an average guy who wants to eliminate government waste and assert conservative values.

So what does he know about Haliburton County?

"Have I been to Minden? No. Have I been to Fenelon Falls? Yes. Is Fenelon Falls part of Haliburton? No? Okay," he said.

"Besides Kawartha Lakes and Brock? Okay, well, I'm mainly focusing on where I live, I know Haliburton's part of it. ... Local jobs. I don't know what Haliburton needs. I know what Kawartha Lakes and Brock need. Haliburton, I'm sure, that Haliburton's in the same boat," he said.



## Bill Denby, Freedom Party

Denby has lived in this riding for 50 years. He is a farmer with a meat retail business on his property. He has been married for 32 years and has two kids.

"It is time government started working for the people rather than creating laws that continue to take away their rights bit by bit," Denby's press release says.

He has been working on getting a disintegration plant to move to the riding. His job creation plan includes implementing a contract-based milk export plan, revitalizing the horse-racing industry and developing Highways 407 and 35.

Though he is running for the Freedom Party, he told the *Lindsay Post* that his values don't actually align with the party. Although the Freedom Party wants to privatize health care and education and eliminate income and property taxes Denby doesn't agree with any of that, he said.

Denby ran in the 2007 election and received 0.81 per cent of the votes.

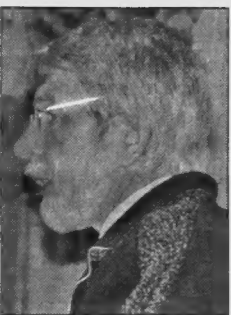


## Jake Pothaar, Family Coalition Party

Pothaar moved from Toronto to the Highlands in the 1970s. He has a wife and 10 kids. The Family Coalition Party opposes abortion and is a socially conservative party.

Pothaar said he doesn't think he'll be elected as an MPP, but thinks that by casting a vote for his party you can express your support for "family values."

At the all-candidates meeting Thursday



evening, Pothaar said he believes that people should be given \$2,000 a year for health-care costs instead of having the current universal system. Pothaar ran for the FCP in the 2007 election and received .75 per cent of votes.

## John Turmel, Independent

Turmel holds the Guinness Book of World Records title of most elections contested. He has run 68 times and lost 67 (the other election was cancelled).

Though he doesn't think he'll win the election, he wants to spread the word about a time bond system that could replace the current monetary system.

"I'm spreading the word about saving the riding" with a barter currency system, he said.

Turmel talks about swapping time in a barter system and eliminating debt altogether.

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## Paolo Fabrizio, Libertarian Party

Fabrizio is running for MPP not because he thinks he'll win, but because he wants to get his libertarian message out.

"I want to see the system get help. It's not a bad thing to ask questions – where do our tax dollars go? We're talking about a government that banned a breed of dogs, so what else can they do?" he said in an interview.

Fabrizio lives in Barrie with his wife and three kids. He works as a pastry chef.

Comparing the government to a gang, who takes your money with no accountability, Fabrizio said people should take care of themselves and each other and not depend on the government.

"[The government is] like the legal mafia – you don't ask questions and they do whatever they need," he said.

He has run in four elections previously, twice in Vaughan and twice in Barrie.

Why should you vote for him? "I'm 36, I've got boyish good looks, does that help?" he said. [www.barrielibertarians.ca](http://www.barrielibertarians.ca)

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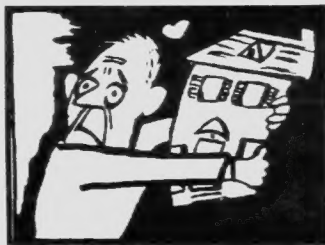
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**S**INCE IT'S IMPERATIVE that healthcare dollars are spent as efficiently as possible, the idea of "centres of excellence" is a logical approach.

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It's an approach to ensuring the best patient outcomes possible, which no one will deny is a vaunted goal.

Rural communities are not really logical at all. Governments of all levels are forced to provide services over a large area even though there are very few residents. Basic costs increase because of the very nature of rural communities. But until governments decide to do away with rural communities and move

everyone to more efficient urban areas, rural hospitals are essential to the population's wellbeing. And in a rural community like Haliburton County, where there are huge seasonal influxes in population – not to mention a surge in traffic every Friday and Sunday night – our rural hospitals often mean the difference between life and death.

The recommendation to the Local Health Integration Network to close Haliburton Hospital's only obstetrics bed is worrisome on several accounts. Major among them is the panel's statement that the bed should be closed because it's difficult to attract doctors to deliver babies when so few babies are born. That statement sounds like it's coming out of the hymn book on efficiency. In Haliburton, closing the bed might prompt one of our doctors to leave. Dr. Norm Bottum might not deliver as many babies as an obstetrician in Lindsay, but it's obviously part of his job that he really enjoys. It's important to him to be able to continue helping mothers bring new life into this world. Take that away, and he'll consider moving to a community where he can do deliveries.

Not knowing this basic fact means that the panel making the recommendation did not ask Dr. Bottum what he felt about the Haliburton Hospital's obstetrical service. It made assumptions not based on Haliburton's reality.

Closing the bed won't save the province one penny. It costs nothing to keep the bed (and room) open, except when the hospital makes use of the bed for other patients should needs demand.

The panel's recommendation therefore fails on two main points. It won't result in the more efficient use of healthcare dollars and it will put at risk the continued presence of one of our doctors. If the recommendation is approved by the LHIN – and the public has a few weeks to convince the LHIN to do otherwise – then it will seem like a stubborn adherence to a theory.

The Liberal government initiated LHINs as a way of giving more control and decision-making authority to local communities. It recognizes that decisions made by Ministry of Health officials in downtown Toronto are not necessarily the best decisions for every region of Ontario. By creating these regional health networks, which divvy up healthcare money and resources, the goal was to make the ministry more responsive to local needs.

Of course, when you include a small hospital like Haliburton's in a region that includes Peterborough, Oshawa and Scarborough, it's easy for our voice to get drowned out. It's our responsibility to speak loud enough to be heard.

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### editorial

martha perkins



Taking to the rink

Photo by Matt James

## Global warming and the ice angler

**G**RAB YOURSELF a sturdy chair; I've got a startling confession to make.

I haven't ice fished even once this year. You heard me. Not once.

My wife told me that a lot of people who don't ice fish manage to lead very normal, even productive, lives. And this would be comforting, if a normal productive life was what I had in mind. If that were the case, however, I'd be something other than a writer.

Me not ice fishing is something akin to the Pope skipping mass. I like being out there and most seasons I spend somewhere around 20 days or more drilling holes through the ice and sometimes even catching a fish or two.

There are a lot of reasons why I have forsaken the ice this year. First, I've been very busy with deadlines and projects. I've also devoted much of my spare time to reloading shot-shell ammunition, reacquainting myself with my longbow, and tying flies for spring. And I must confess that I have strapped on my snowshoes several times and wasted a few hours target shooting in the fields behind our place as well.

So why not ice fish?

Well, quite frankly, I'm concerned about global warming and its effects on the sport. Arctic ice caps are melting at an alarming rate. Our lakes cannot be immune.

The last thing I want is to be out there fishing when global warming finally decides to pay us a sudden visit. Sure we've got somewhere in the neighborhood of 20 inches of good ice right now, but all that can change in the blink of a millenium.

Look around. If you discount the snow, frigid temperatures, bitter cold winds, and glare ice, signs of global warming are practically everywhere. Have you noticed how much more day-

light we have? I'm no scientist but I can't help but think that global warming is behind all this.

Mark my words; if this keeps up, our lakes will be clear of ice by the end of April.

I've done my research. Mean average temperatures are going up as we speak. Huge chunks of ice are breaking away from the polar ice caps.

The icicles on our roof actually broke off last week. I'm not meaning to be alarmist here, but the end is near!

The sad part is, I've got a lot of money tied up in ice fishing gear. I didn't just buy it to enjoy either – no one really does. Long ago, I told my wife that I was playing the market – I just neglected to tell her that it was this particular market.

For a while this was brilliant; the auger that I bought for \$29.99 in 1997 peaked out at \$69.99 in the free market last winter. The Gold and Silver Williams Wabler jigging spoon that

once sold for \$3.99 had almost doubled in value. I tell you this made my cubic zirconium mine investments pale by comparison.

Unfortunately, the minute global warming strikes, the value of ice fishing gear will most certainly plummet. Let's not even talk about snow shovels, snowmobiles, and the lucrative coarse salt market.

Forget the auto sector; I say that the ice fishing industry needs a hefty financial stimulus package. A few billion and we can keep every lake from here to Florida covered in ice year-round and stem the tide of global warming. This, in turn, will cause confidence in ice fishing commodities such as short fishing rods and white Berkeley Power grubs. Economic recovery is sure to follow.

Of course, I think you'll see hell freeze over first. Which, by the way, is a sure sign that we finally beat global warming.

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## Blind Sided

IF THERE WAS ONE THING Alice had learned over the years, it was that life is a series of details and changing even one of those details can ripple through many others. This realization struck her one day as she stood back admiring the window blind she had just installed in her bedroom. While the room had three windows, she had only ordered one from the catalogue because she wanted to see how it looked before taking the jump to three in one room. Alice was thrifty and cautious. In other words, she had a limited income.

But she also liked to surround herself with a lively attractive environment and so it was paying attention to the details that enabled her to do just that. While some might call this interior decorating or even being frivolous, Alice saw it as good mental health. She had found that adding a bright red cushion to her sofa or rearranging her kitchen shelves or changing a lampshade in the hall gave her a lift. Change a colour, a shape or a design and change your outlook, was her motto.



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And so it was now as she looked at the new window blind. Where before had been a dusty dark vertical blind, now an ivory one with fringed and scalloped edge took its place. That corner of the room suddenly looked fresh, bright and romantic. She smiled just to see the change and immediately decided to do the same for the other windows.

As she raised and lowered the blind with its fancy new chord the mechanism glided up and down as easily as a whisper. Suddenly a memory appeared that took her by surprise, a remembrance long hidden through the years from then to now. It was of another blind in another place so very different.

The old log farmhouse had stood at the base of a small hill sheltered from the north wind. Its grey weathered exterior had looked out over fields and orchard spread before it, its eyes of wavy glass catching the late afternoon sun. Alice had spent the day there with her parents as they did the inevitable repairs required for an ancient homestead used only on weekends. Like a restless cat or any other 10 year old, Alice had been in and out of the house a dozen times.

While the orchard and the barn held certain fascinations, it was the house that Alice truly enjoyed. It was so unlike her large and modern home in the city. Here time had stopped and she liked to pretend she was in one of her favourite movies, walking from room to room, gazing out the windows at her beautiful ranch and corralled horses. Alice had a rich imagination and it took only a few coal oil lamps, a washstand and lace curtains to transport her to other times.

Her favourite vantage point had been the back bedroom that looked toward the pond where she would keep her horses, had she any. Much of the bedroom was taken up by a high old bed with curving, carved wooden head and foot boards and the washstand. The lace curtains on the window were heavy with years of dust that had worked its way into the very fibre. Her mother said if she washed them they would probably disintegrate so they stayed where they were. There were always a few dead flies on the sill and Alice tried not to touch them as she looked outside.

But it was the old blind that she had suddenly remembered. Its surface was bone plain with a straight edge and curled slightly at the outer edges. Rolled three quarters way up the window, to Alice it gave the room an inhabited look. More than the clothes hooks on the wall, more than the faded braid rug or the scratchy old quilt. She saw hands pulling it down at night then pushing it back up as the morning light broke into the room. Real people had once touched it, moved it and looked out the window as she now did. So she wanted to put herself in their place, to make her game of pretend as real as she could.

Whatever the blind was made of, it was stiff and seemed about to crack as she gently tugged on its end. Like an arthritic senior it slowly unwound its length, yellowed parchment cracking as it unfurled. It squeaked both in protest and exuberance, it seemed to Alice, happy to be finally in motion but creaky and scared at the same time. Alice felt a tingle down her fingers and into her arm. It was as though she had slipped into someone else's skin for the thinnest of seconds. In fact it was over almost before it began and only later, in her room back in the city, did she realize what the feeling had been.

And then it had all slipped away until today as she looked at her own new blind. A detail had been the key to unlock a lost memory.



## pic of the past

Members of council for the Municipality of Dysart et al look over the new cement bridge which had just been constructed over the Drag River at Haliburton in the early 1900s. This photo was taken from where Emmerson Lumber stands today. The building directly beyond the bridge was the home of the CNR foreman of the day. To the right in the photo is the building which is now known as the Village Barn. Henry Brohm is standing fourth from the left.

## letters to the editor

# Tory devious or dumb?

To the Editor:

Health care is one of the highest priorities for many people in this community. Many of us have aging parents that need increased levels of care. Many areas are facing doctor shortages.

John Tory, who is new to this riding seems to have seized on health care as a top issue and has promised to fight for an MRI machine at Ross Memorial Hospital. He went a step further when he bluntly denounced a recent report that called for the closure of the obstetrics bed at HHHS. After attending the debate here on February 19, it appears that these positions are to simply grab headlines and little more than empty words.

Mr. Tory's sudden championing of health care seems to be an effort to manipulate the facts about HHHS and distract from his own slash-and-burn policies regarding health care. It was not too long ago that Mr. Tory's party proudly presented a campaign platform that called for \$3 billion in cuts to health care, believing that hospitals should do more with less.

I don't claim to be a mathematician, but when

an aging population is combined with \$3 billion in cuts that would surely result in fewer doctors, nurses and technology investment, there is no way to maintain and expand services and invest in the technologies this riding so desperately needs.

He is also either devious or dumb about Family Health Teams that provide a range of clinical services to patients ranging from doctors, to nurse practitioners, to dieticians, and many others. He stated that Family Health Networks are the same and have been around for decades. This is patently not true. The latter are entirely physician focused and generally do not include allied health professionals and, therefore, do not provide the comprehensive service or the level of access to primary health care. Family Health Teams have been created here and else where throughout this province only by this Liberal government.

I don't follow his math and I don't like Mr. Tory's dirty politics.

Brad Colpitts  
Haliburton

# John Tory may not be local, but...

To the Editor:

I attended the Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock all-candidates meeting last week and am going to support John Tory. John does not have all the answers but his depth of knowledge, years of experience and realism were very apparent. I believe he is committed to this riding and will be a stronger provincial representative than the other candidates.

John may not be "local" but I believe our riding will be better served by someone who will be the Leader of the Opposition and potentially the Premier of Ontario. He has the political experience, influence and network to address the many issues with which we are struggling, and to put us on the map.

Larry Clarke  
Haliburton

See more letters to the Editor page 8



## Pollster respond

To the Editor:

Re: Poll data 'very odd,' 'a ritzy polling firm', Echo February 10.

Taking issue with both statements, Holinshed is a specialized research, custom data and software firm. Our opinion research division produces unbiased, high quality work for our clients at very competitive prices.

The surveys completed for the Concerned Conservatives of Ontario suggesting that voters may be potentially losing faith in John Tory across Ontario and in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock showed some striking similarities. However, many of the Ontario PCs that called me from across the province (some extremely angry about the polls) agreed that these numbers are not surprising and fell in line with their perceptions at the time. The challenge for Mr. Tory is to change any negative perceptions in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock and across Ontario, not shoot the messenger.

Frank Hall  
Holinshed Research Group Inc.

## Questionable call

To the Editor:

As someone you used research on my job in the past, I am sympathetic to people doing surveys on the phone. So I was not amused the other day when I discovered it was really a sneaky NDP call.

It starts by questioning if you plan to vote, followed by a leading question about whether you think McGuinty is doing a good job or not, followed by one that asks if you have a problem with John Tory running in the riding, and ends with a suggestion that wouldn't you rather vote for the local, homegrown NDP candidate.

It is this sort of thing which interferes with actual research – and exposes the ethics of the NDP in the process.

Harvey Clarke  
Donald

## Thank you for Frost Fest coverage

To The Editor:

Thank you for the wonderful coverage of the Frost Festival in last week's paper. I also wanted to publicly acknowledge the work done by Janis Parker, Ward 4 Councillor for Dysart et al, and the municipal representative to the Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre, as well as Laurie Jones, the executive director of the Rails End Gallery.

Laurie and Janis were instrumental in coordinating the activities offered in and around the Rails End, and were it not for Janis Parker and her team of 36 volunteers, there would have been no beaver tails or hot chocolate served from the Snack Shack. Thanks Janis and Laurie!

Dagmar Boettcher  
Lochlin

## Museum offers much to those who seek it

Letter to the Editor:

Re: Haliburton Highlands Museum funding cut

The editorial got it right when you wrote that "the museum's success cannot be measured only by the number of people who walk through its doors."

The day I walked into the museum carrying Daniel Gorrie's box of photos began my journey into 1908 Haliburton. My tour guides Tom Ballantine, director, and Steven Hill, curator, showed me life in Haliburton as my great-grandparents knew it and their contributions to and love for the Highlands and its people.

Thanks to *The Echo* for the continued support for the work of all the county's museums. *The Echo* records the weekly history and the museums preserve that written history. It is important for the young people to give them a sense of pride in who their grandparents were and their great grandparents. We learn who we are when we know from where we've come.

Wendy Gorrie-Vanderwal  
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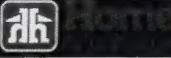



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# FAREWELL, MY FATHER

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My father is missing. I can't find him. I've looked for him in every crack and crevice of familiar territory. I've rummaged through every remnant of residing rationale, within every boundary of his being and through every margin and fragment of his story. There's no one on the page that bears his description. He's simply vanished between the lines.

Alzheimer's, the insidious kidnapper, is stealing pieces of my father with each passing day. I feel such deep sorrow over the deterioration that corrodes his physical, mental, and emotional functioning, stripping him down to the "bare bones of being." This once vital, exuberant man lives hunched in silent confusion, savouring only temporary moments of vibrant awareness, through the support and grace of my mother who, through all her weariness, perseveres to infuse his life with loving care, dignity and gentleness.

Today they have been married 55 years.

A good marriage blesses the world, because it provides a context in which two people together become more than each would have been alone. My world has surely been blessed by the presence of this lovely couple — my parents — who live on Sunnyside Street. I wonder how much of their "sunny side" has been forever

eclipsed by the shadows of this devastating illness.

"How the hell am I going to get to heaven?" my father demands. Not long ago, this outburst would have conjured up good-natured laughter.

I reply, "Isn't that a little like that guy who said 'Thank God I'm an atheist?'" He doesn't hear me. Again he is lost in remnants of fragmented thoughts, tumbling through an inner landscape of pervasive sadness.

"How can there be a place for someone who is useless, who is no longer participating, contributing or being of service in this world?" This heartbreaking contemplation provided the substance of our last real father-daughter discussion. Held within each other's love, we delved deeply, and together we touched profound spiritual truths. This time together I will treasure throughout my life.

I park the car and sit for a few minutes in frozen meditation. And I ask my own questions: "Why can't this burden be lifted in light of today's celebration? How do I redefine meaning and purpose amidst the onslaught of such deterioration?"

The only answer: Silence.

Then, I recall a teaching from the Ojibwa First Nations:

"Sometimes I go about in pity for myself, and all the while a great wind is bearing me across the sky." By the grace

of these words, I see beyond the veil of my father's disease. What do I see? Only Love. Nothing else exists there. Therein is found a perfect peace, a deeper joy, and a natural vortex of possibility: Heaven.

As I walk through the door I surrender to Love, and catch a first glimpse of my father's kind and brilliant presence. There is something visible that is much more powerful than his biology. I recognize that he is on a journey that is more magnificent than what I can discern with my limited physical senses. Within his secret inner world, an emerging innocence is born. Where mental functioning had been a priority, now a sweet functioning of youth appears and a spiritual innocence begins to breathe. As mental scrutiny and examination are released, a great sense of acceptance and oneness with all life is expressed, not with words, but through the emanation of his beautiful being.

If my father's transition through Alzheimer's has taught me anything, it is to honour the present moment as the only time that is, and to celebrate his internal journey through all the stages of manifestation.

And I owe much to my beautiful mother who, by letting go of "Art" with love, faith and fondness, has taught me, their daughter, the art of letting go. Through her, I see

how the falls of life can somehow generate the energy that propels us onward. Her enormous resilience and resourcefulness have carried all of us to new territory.

This article is dedicated to my mother and father:

Art and Nel van der Grient.

February 10, 2009

Happy Anniversary

A week after this article was written, my father, Art van der Grient, passed away peacefully on February 18th at Haliburton Hospital surrounded by his family and in the loving, magnificent care of his palliative angel and guide: Lucie. We hold this beautiful nurse in our dearest love and gratitude.

I found my father this morning. He was everywhere. I felt him in the gentle arms of my son, as he held me while I was quietly sobbing. I heard him whisper through the calm, reassuring voice of my daughter as she stood by his bed. I saw him sparkle through another pair of divine, blue eyes... those of a caring son-in-law, who is now a comforting vanguard of this family.

And just a moment ago, I felt this great wind bearing across the sky....

God Bless My Father.

How great thou Art.

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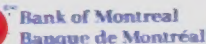
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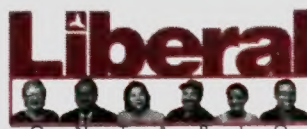
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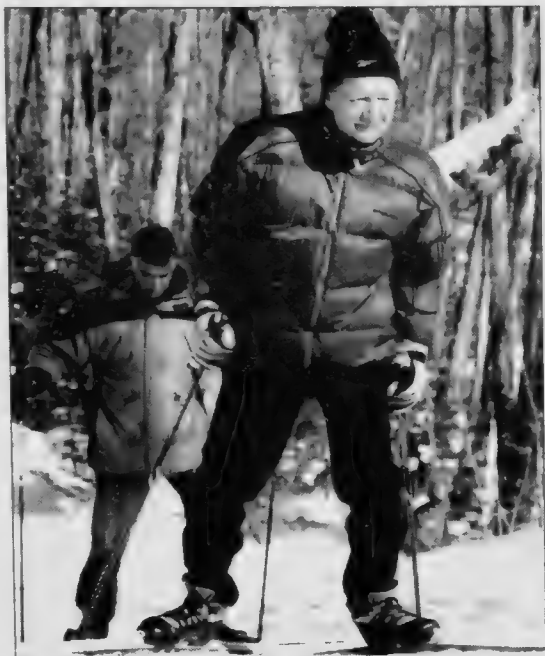
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# Midwife approval at odds with LHIN recommendation

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"Research shows quite strongly better outcomes for moms and babes when birth happens in their communities," said the midwife who just opened her practice, Midwifery Services of Haliburton-Bancroft, in November.

"My funding for this practice was based on that premise," she said.

Bottum agreed.

"The Ministry of Health actually approved a midwife for our area and she's in the process of getting privileges, so it just seems counterproductive for the Ministry of Health to be granting a midwife funding for providing service to our area and the LHIN turning around and taking away the opportunity for her to have access to a bed. It sounds like the right hand doesn't know what the left is doing," he said.

The recommendation is one of 28 in the Hospital Clinical Services Plan by a committee of the Central East LHIN. The obstetrics decision is the only recommendation to affect services in Haliburton County.

The committee was established to create safer specialty care for those in the net-

work, creating "one acute care network." In this plan, centres of excellence will be created in the LHIN, which stretches from Dorset to Scarborough, to ensure that patients can find the help they need without travelling outside of the region.

The committee examined five facets: cardiac, maternal-child-youth, mental health and addiction, thoracic surgery and vascular surgery.

The recommendation for Haliburton's hospital reads: "HHHS will discontinue elective obstetrical services as the lack of sufficient critical mass results in challenges to sustain adequate physician coverage, the ability of trained staff to deliver specialized care and appropriate equipment and infrastructure to support provincial standards. HHHS will ensure that their patients will have appropriate emergency room care while awaiting transfer."

For the only doctor who does emergency room obstetrical care, Bottum said the recommendation doesn't sit well.

"The question is, who's going to deliver them? If I'm not doing elective deliveries am I going to be called upon to do emergency deliveries? Is that going to carry on for the next five to 10 years? If I'm not allowed to do elective deliveries then why



Haliburton Hospital's only doctor who delivers babies, Dr. Norm Bottum, said he may reconsider staying in the community if the obstetrical unit is removed.

should I give up my spare time, if I'm not on call to come in and do emergency deliveries?" he said.

"If I'm not actually doing elective deliveries, then I might be less inclined to come in when I'm not on-duty," he said.

## LHIN looks for feedback

Foster Loucks, chairperson of the Central East LHIN and former CEO of HHHS, said that the LHIN board wants to hear feedback from doctors, midwives, the hospital and the community before it makes a decision on the recommendation.

"It involved doctors and nurses in coming up with the recommendation ... but we want to get some reaction or wider comment from anybody else ... it could be from interested citizens or community groups," he said.

A 60-day feedback period ending April 19 on the recommendations has been provided and the LHIN is meeting with all hospital boards about the decision.

On Thursday, the HHHS board will meet with representatives of the LHIN at Minden Hospital.

CEO Paul Rosebush said that the hospital will certainly be giving feedback to the LHIN about this decision and although the overall plan is "a great piece of work," he's not too keen on losing obstetrical services.

"There are going to be personal feelings that folks have and nobody likes to see services removed from any community and I'm included in that camp, but the board and the hospital will ... provide a formal response back to the LHIN board

of directors," Rosebush said.

Removing the bed would not save or lose the hospital any funding from the government, he said.

Rosebush also said he wasn't surprised that Bottum might want to leave, though he is disappointed.

"I think there is a risk when they make changes like this and this may be one of those unintended consequences of the LHIN not thinking about what the impact of the change is going to be on practicing physicians," he said.

"I do know that physicians like to practice to the widest scope of their abilities and if they have a particular interest in one area of medicine, not to be able to practice it would be a motivator for them to consider something else," Rosebush added.

## Giving women choice

Weeks-Toth said that although midwifery gives women the option of giving birth at home, which would require no hospital bed, it also supports women's choice of facility.

"The options for home birth are there when midwives are in the community, but midwives are for choice. And I have a woman [patient], for example, who has her babies very quickly and she has no running water or hydro at her home. She's the perfect candidate for a home birth, but she doesn't have the facilities she feels to feel safe to birth her baby there.

"She will not make it to Peterborough or Orillia. She will have her baby on the side

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# Local health care crucial, election hopefuls say

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of the road. So, her plan was to have her baby at Haliburton Hospital," she said.

The Association of Ontario Midwives supports Weeks-Toth's position.

In a position paper on birthing close to home, the association raises concerns for the health of the woman and the child, and also for the local economy when local birthing facilities are taken away.

"Birth in a small rural hospital can be a safe and appropriate place of birth for the majority of women," the statement said.

"The joint position paper by the Society of Rural Physicians of Canada, the College of Family Physicians of Canada Committee on Maternity Care, and the Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Canada calls for a 'regionalized risk management system' for low-risk maternity care populations, where local maternity care units are maintained alongside an efficient system for transfer to specialist (surgical) services when needed.

"There is a growing body of evidence illustrating the safety of small rural maternity services," the statement said.

Chair of the steering committee for the clinical services plan, Dr. George Buldo, said that his committee did not look at what impact removing the obstetrical bed would have on Haliburton, and said the report focused on what would be the safest option for women in labour. Buldo said the number of births in the area is projected to drop and that when a hospital delivers about 10 babies a year, standards are not as high as they could be.

"When you're doing the procedure ... associated complications can happen

quickly," he said.

"There are challenges sustaining adequate physician and team training and infrastructure [in Haliburton]," he said.

## Candidates respond

The recommendation was quick to draw criticism from many candidates in the byelection to become the riding's MPP.

Green candidate Mike Schreiner had a press release sent out the day the report was released, saying he was concerned the bed would be closed and that none of the "centres of excellence" would be located in the riding of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock.

"It means that women who live in the Haliburton area have fewer options and choices now and it places a great burden on families to think that they're going to have to travel to Orillia or Peterborough or Lindsay. That's a long way," said Schreiner in an interview.

"I think we're moving in the wrong direction to close the facility.

"We should be investing in keeping the facility open and expanding the facility and it flies in the face of recruitment efforts to try to keep doctors in rural communities when we start talking about closing down facilities," he said.

PC leader and candidate John Tory also fumed at the recommendation.

"To me, it's predicated on the notion that bigger is better and that centralizing things is going to result in better service for people," he said.

Tory said that removing some services could be the "thin edge of the wedge" that

results in other services being removed.

He pointed to emergency rooms closing in Western Ontario and said once the byelection is over here (and the public eye is not so tuned to this riding) there may be similar studies of our emergency rooms.

Liberal candidate Rick Johnson called Tory's remark on ERs "fear-mongering" and said the recommendation on the obstetrical bed wasn't final and that people should allow the process to take its course.

"This is part of the ongoing consultation to try to get the best bang for your buck in health-care dollars because it's such a huge part of the provincial budget. Is that the best use of dollars to have a full obstetrics department [in Haliburton]? It's something that has to be discussed," he said.

NDP candidate Lyn Edwards called the recommendation "appalling" and said that more money needed to be put into the hospitals, rather than taking services away.

"In this rural riding, a winter drive to get to Peterborough, on a snowy night with a woman in labour could be devastating. What happens when that car ends up in the ditch and she ends up having no care whatsoever?" she said.

At the all-candidates meeting Thursday evening, Weeks-Toth brought up the recommendation publicly and all candidate said they wanted the bed to stay.

Johnson said that he would fight for it "if the need was there."

The full clinical services plan and public feedback forms are available on the Central East Local Health Integration Network website [www.centraleastlhin.on.ca](http://www.centraleastlhin.on.ca).

## Consultation begins on clinical services plan

The Clinical Services Plan will be on the agenda of each of the Central East LHIN hospitals and the Central East Community Care Access Centre at their next round of board meetings. These board presentations are part of a 60-day consultation period directed by the Central East LHIN board which ends on April 19 to get public feedback on the report.

The report, which was presented to the Central East LHIN Board of Directors at their February 17 meeting, contains 28 clinical service delivery model recommendations and details on three medical leadership frameworks that were developed by over 150 stakeholders - physicians, nurses, allied health professionals, administrators - from the nine hospital corporations in the Central East LHIN.

The service delivery models recommendations for five clinical areas - cardiac, vascular, thoracic, mental health and addiction and maternal-child-youth - were developed to better meet the needs of the residents of the Central East LHIN both now and in the future.

Anyone can provide feedback by visiting the LHIN website ([www.centraleastlhin.on.ca](http://www.centraleastlhin.on.ca)) and clicking on "clinical services plan" on the left side of the page.



Paul Rosebush and X-ray technologist Rudy Muntz examine the new PACS machine.

## PACS fundraiser hits \$731,000

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

In 2007, Haliburton County was asked to Reach For The Future and now we're part way there.

Last week the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation announced that its \$2.5 million fundraising campaign had reached the first stage of its conclusion.

The campaign has raised \$731,298, enough to pay for a Picture Archiving Communication System (PACS) for both the Minden and Haliburton sites. These digital X-ray machines have brought the local healthcare system into the 21<sup>st</sup> century,

allowing X-rays to be sent electronically to specialists around the province.

Partial funding was provided by the provincial and federal governments and the campaign was designed to raise the community's share. The Minden and Haliburton auxiliaries played a large role in helping the foundation do that.

"We wish to thank everyone for supporting health care in the Haliburton Highlands," said the foundation's executive director, Dale Walker, at last week's announcement.

The campaign continues. The remainder of the \$2.5 million goal is to pay for stationary ceiling lifts for each bed at both sites. The lifts cost \$10,000 each.

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Senior girls Maddie Ferracuti won her third first place race in a row last Tuesday.

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## Blazing trails

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

After finishing first and third at the Kawartha championships at Glebe Park, HHSS Nordic ski team members Maddie Ferracuti and Claire Flatman continued to dominate the senior girls ski circuit — this time with a one-two sweep at COSSA.

This qualifies them to advance to the all-Ontario championships in Midland on Wednesday. They'll be joined by senior boys COSSA silver medalist Dan Wright and his brother Josh, who was fourth in the junior division. Nordic ski coach Sharon

Dibblee said Josh wasn't pleased with his performance so you can bet he'll be pushing hard on February 25.

Also on top of the COSSA podium is novice girls' Cody Pringle who captured gold by three one-hundredths of a second. Because there is no OFSAA for this division, Cody finished the year as the cream of crop.

Scott Henwood also competed at COSSA at Glebe Park on Tuesday. Scott pushed hard for a sixth place finish. Connor Duhaime had qualified but did not enter the race due to commitments with the Red Hawks curling team, which won the provincial championships.



Josh Wright was fourth in the junior division earning him a berth at the at OFSAA championships on Wednesday.



Two competitors bound up the hill in Saturday morning's 10 km sprint race.

## University skiers compete at Glebe Park in Haliburton

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Nordic skiers from Lakehead University had the farthest to travel to compete in the Ontario University Athletics championship races in Haliburton this past weekend but it was well worth the effort.

The Thunderwolves won their fifth-straight men's and women's titles, out-racing students from across Ontario.

More than 100 athletes converged at Glebe Park, including Queen's University student Emily Turner. She began her Nordic skiing career in Haliburton's Jack Rabbit program, spending her Saturday mornings being taught how to ski by a team of local volunteers.

Later, she was the flag-bearer for the girls' Nordic ski team at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. In her final year, she was a COSSA champion.

Although she didn't place in this year's highly competitive field, she did have local cross-country skiing enthusiasts cheering her on at the provincial championships.

Volunteers with the Haliburton Nordic ski association hosted the races, providing hundreds of volunteer hours to make the event so successful. The course was challenging but the trail conditions were perfect.

Most racers arrived early on Friday to acclimatize themselves to the trail system that winds through the forest on the north side of Head Lake.

There are complete race results at [222.oua.ca/news/](http://222.oua.ca/news/).



MARTHA PERKINS/Echo

Emily Turner learned how to cross country ski in the Jack Rabbit program in Glebe Park. This past weekend she was back on the Haliburton trails, only this time competing for Queen's University as part of the Ontario University Association's Nordic championship races.





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## Red Hawks are Ontario's best junior curlers

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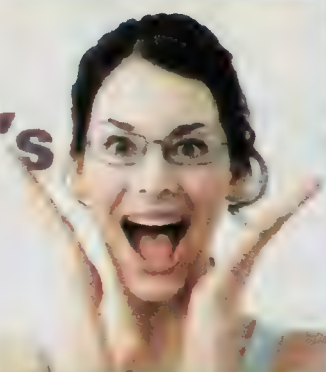
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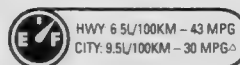
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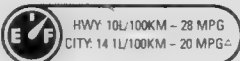
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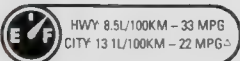
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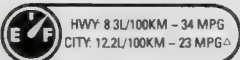


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## Curling for Care



The first Curling for Care mixed bonspiel sponsored by Todd's Independent and the Haliburton Curling Club was held this past Saturday in Haliburton. There were two draws of eight teams each playing to help support the Haliburton

Hospital Health Services Foundation and The Bridge Youth Unlimited. Lots of fun was had by all participants who also enjoyed a delicious roast beef dinner cooked and provided by staff at Todd's Independent. Draw one winners, photo

on right, were the team from the hospital foundation, David Zilstra, Bob MacNaull (Haliburton Curling Club organizer), Steve Todd (sponsor), Dale Walker, Wanda Robinson and Don Popple. Draw two

and overall winners were, photo on left, Robert and Ann McIvor, Elaine Anderson and Ron Barr. A total of \$3,500 was raised throughout the day and will be shared evenly between the foundation and The Bridge.



# Pee Wees one series away from provincials

WENDY Sisson

Special to the Echo

With the mid-February days feeling a little longer, if you are still driving your kids to the rink for hockey practice, you must be involved in play-off hockey.

The Highland Storm's PeeWee A team, sponsored by Floyd Hall Insurance and Dollo's IGA, is now within one series of advancing to the all-Ontario championships. Players are getting ready to take on Tavistock in the five-game semi-final round.

The march to the championships began in Campbellford when the team won game four to earn a berth in the semi-finals.

The win pitted the Storm against the Wasaga Beach Stars. Game one was played in Minden where the home team's special teams dominated, scoring three times on the power plays. The visiting team was on the score board first but a minute later Curtis Ballantyne tied the game with assists going to Jacob Sisson and Julia Fedeski. Into the second, the Stars were up 2-1 before the home team went on a role with five unanswered goals. Finding the back of the net were Jacob, Curtis, Nate Feir, Tyler Barry, and Spencer Trueman, with helpers to Tyler (2), Connor

Dollo (2), Spence, Nate, Curt, and Owen Flood. Strong between the pipes was Brayden Frost.

Game two was in Wasaga Beach. The Storm lit it up with an extra effort and unassisted goal by the captain Nate Feir. In the second the Stars took the lead 2-1 with the Storm answering back on the power play and a nicely placed puck by Curt, fed by Jacob and Tyler. In the third, the Stars regained the lead and scored in the empty net to take game 4-2. Jordan Hamilton did a great job as the Storm's gatekeeper for the Storm. Not helping his cause were two goals that were called back against the Storm.

Game three was back at the beach for an 8:30 Friday night meeting. At the buzzer ending the second period the score was deadlocked at zero. The Stars scored twice in the first four minutes of the third and that seemed to rally the visiting team. The Storm tied the score with Connor and Nate turning the goalie around in his skates, the set ups going to Devon Upton, Chris Hall and Nate.

The game was now sent into sudden victory overtime. By this point the Storm had dominated the shots on net but the Stars' goalie wasn't going down without a fight. With less than three minutes left in overtime, Nate shovelled the puck to Connor who lifted a dandy over the shoulder of the tender for the 3-2 Storm victory.

Saturday in Haliburton showcased game four. Hoping

for a victory and with less stress, at least for the parents, an easy win was not on the agenda. Stars lit up the scoreboard first with the Storm answering back to tie the match thanks to Curt assisted by Chris and Devon. The Stars regained the lead in the third and that once again ignited the home team. With less than five minutes remaining, Joseph Patrick charged to the net and set up Spencer who was anticipating the puck and slid it under the pads of the tender.

At this point it was obvious that all of the extra time that the coaching staff has put into conditioning this team came into effect. The home team simply out-hustled the Stars and that led to the game-winning goal. Curt wedged the puck into the net with the help of Tyler and Chris. Storm 3 Stars 2. Game, set, match Storm.

Not mentioned on the score sheets but making huge contributions to each game with puck handling and strong body presence were Matt Hunter and Tom Paul.

This team now moves on to the all-Ontario semi-finals against Tavistock, games and times to be announced.

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# Tallman's dedication 'second to none'

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that was second to none."

When he was first elected, Tallman was an electrician who chose public office to give a voice to the people of Wilberforce.

"There weren't a lot of people speaking for us back then. We decided we needed to do this for the betterment of the community. And we also realized that if we wanted growth, we were going to have to do something about it ourselves," Tallman said in 2006.

Friend and fellow county politician, Murray Fearrey said that Tallman will be missed.

"He was a relatively quiet individual but very dedicated and he believed very much in Haliburton County," Fearrey said, adding that Tallman wanted what was best for both his municipality and the county.

Tallman was always dedicated to his role in politics. "That came from being so dedicated to his community. He wasn't about to agree with you if he felt otherwise but there was never any animosity towards other councillors," Fearrey said.

Burton, who is this year's county warden, says he will be cutting short his participation

in the Association of Municipalities of Ontario conference so he can attend the funeral.

Visitation will be at the Haliburton Community Funeral Home on Tuesday, February 24 from 7 to 9 p.m. There will be an hour for visitation at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre in Wilberforce before the funeral at the centre at 11 a.m. on February 25.

Memorial donations can be made to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation or St. Margaret's Anglican Church.

With files from Steve Galea and Martha Perkins

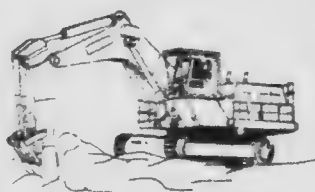


Keith Tallman passed away on Sunday, February 22.

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## Beat the tax-man blues at Legion

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Mel Smith

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That time to gather up all your T4s and receipts and get ready for that much-dreaded income tax time. A FREE income tax service will be available at the Legion from March 4 to April 22 every Wednesday afternoon from 2 p.m. to 4 pm. This service is available to all Legion members, seniors and individuals with incomes amounting to less than \$30,000. On Tuesday, March 3 the students of Wilberforce Elementary School will be presenting their speeches at the Lloyd Watson Centre at 11:30 a.m. The public speaking contest is part of the Legion youth and education program.



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Doug Ray  
Director of Public Works

## Curling at Nature's house: possibilities of a frozen lake

community news

### west guilford

Eleanor Cooper

754-2278

Did you know that people were curling on Pine Lake a week ago? Adam Belizea initiated the game by filling jugs with water which of course froze and made suitable rocks to slide down the rink.

Bill Geddis, his neighbours, used the Internet for information about lengths and widths, etc. Anne Belizea provided the blue and red food colouring for marking and the Belizea family was all set to play.

This may have resembled the original stones and rinks the Scots used when they invented the game.

Three families participated in the game on Sunday and one family participated on Monday, February 16. Other people on the lake those days took advantage of the clear ice just to enjoy skating.

Lottie Rutan has been in touch with a Canadian wom-

an in military service in Afghanistan for about 10 months. Last week this lady, Celine Grenier, visited Lottie in her home on Maple Lake. Lottie's letters and gifts, including Tim Hortons gift certificates, were appreciated so much.

Colleen Davison's birthday on February 13 was celebrated with a daughter and son home for the occasion. Daughter Diana and her husband Robert arrived from Burlington and Doug and his wife Janice come from Aurora.

On February 17 euchre scores were high for Kay Morrison and Jim O'Brien, low scores for Eva Howe and Emile Duchene and most lone hands for Bill Marshall and Colleen Davison. Special prizes went to Eva Howe and Bill Marshall.

The St. Valentine's Day concert at Maple Lake United Church on February 21 was so much fun!

Its popularity increases year by year and this time more than 50 people attended. From the time Ed Muenzel announced the first number, Bas Bouthoorn on trumpet with Paul Irwin and Rev. Max Ward on trombones, funny things happened or were said.

John Pugh's renditions of "I'm My own Grandpa" and "Washin' Windows" to his own ukulele accompaniment added to the hilarity.

Some serious numbers followed.

The quartet of Hazel Dorman, Ev Stata, John Miller and Max Ward sang two hymns and Terry and Karl Upton sang two love songs to their own guitar and playing. George Claridge entertained with jokes and played his mandolin. Earl Cooper and Kathleen Owens played two numbers on mandolin and keyboard respectively and Earl added the Helen Polka to end their selections.

Congregational singing began and ended the program. John Miller's numbers included La Vie en Rose, some of which was sung in French, so John invited Wayne Cooper to join him from the audience for that selection.

Ed kept saying off and on, "but that wasn't in the program!" Kathleen had asked me to play clarinet and then forgot to add me to the list, but I played anyway and Hazel Dorman sang "Memory" from Cats while I accompanied on clarinet.

Our unrehearsed and unprofessional stopping and starting hit everyone's funny bone and caused much laughter.

All of enjoyed the special dessert prepared below stairs. Everyone participated in that and we'll certainly be back next year, if invited whether or not were mentioned in the program!



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Closing date: Monday March 9, 2009  
11:00 a.m. local time



### PUBLIC MEETING

#### ALL TERRAIN VEHICLE USE ON CITY OF KAWARTHA LAKES RIGHT-OF-WAYS

The City of Kawartha Lakes will be holding a public meeting on

Wednesday, March 25th, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.  
Coboconk Community Hall  
9 Grandy Road, Coboconk

The purpose of the meeting will be to collect input from the public on the proposed network of All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) trails (north of CKL Road #8) within the City of Kawartha Lakes.

Documentation relating to the ATV trails will be available for review at 12 Peel St. (Public Works Operations) by Tuesday, February 16th, 2009.

Anyone wishing to speak at the meeting is asked to contact Karey Oliphant at 705-324-9411 ext. 1171 or toll free at 1-800-822-2225 ext. 1171, or by e-mail [koliphant@city.kawarthalakes.on.ca](mailto:koliphant@city.kawarthalakes.on.ca). Public speaking will be limited to 2 minutes per person.

All input gathered at this meeting will be consolidated as part of the final report to City Council.

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**TENDER FOR  
RE-POINTING MUNICIPAL OFFICE**

The Municipality of Dysart et al is inviting tenders for the re-pointing of the municipal office located at 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton.

Tender Documents and execution forms can be obtained at the Dysart Municipal Office, 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton, Ontario or on our website at [www.dysartetal.ca](http://www.dysartetal.ca).

Tenders must be received on or before 3:00 p.m. on Monday, March 30th, 2009.

Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

**NOTICE OF  
MEETING TIME CHANGE**

Pursuant to By-law No. 2007-145, as amended, notice is hereby provided that the Council Meeting on Monday, March 2nd, 2009, will start at 9:00 a.m. to consider the 2009 Preliminary Budget.

Tammy McKelvey, A.M.C.T.  
CAO/Clerk



**NOTICE  
(Applicant - GISBORNE)**

IN THE MATTER OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT AND IN THE MATTER OF A PROPOSED BY-LAW OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST TO CLOSE, STOP-UP AND CONVEY CERTAIN PORTIONS OF AN ORIGINAL ALLOWANCE FOR ROAD ALONG THE SHORE OF TAMARACK LAKE, MORE PARTICULARLY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, pursuant to the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of The Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, WILBERFORCE, Ontario on **Tuesday, the 14th day of APRIL, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.**, a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance lying in front of Lot 25, Concession 3, Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Part 1 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by C T Strongman, O.L.S., dated October 17, 2008.

The Preliminary Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours (9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday) at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus.

**AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that before passing the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Municipality of Highlands East shall then and there hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his, her or their lands will be prejudicially affected by the said By-Law and who applies to be heard in person. The person who wishes to address Council should contact the Township office for delegation time.

**DATED** at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 24th day of February, 2009.

IRENE S. COOK, CMO CLERK/CEMC  
Box 295  
WILBERFORCE, ON K0L 3C0



**NOTICE  
(Applicant - DAVIDSON)**

IN THE MATTER OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT AND IN THE MATTER OF A PROPOSED BY-LAW OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST TO CLOSE, STOP-UP AND CONVEY CERTAIN PORTIONS OF AN ORIGINAL ALLOWANCE FOR ROAD ALONG THE SHORE OF ESSON LAKE, MORE PARTICULARLY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED.

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Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 24, Concession 16, Township of Monmouth, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Part(s) 2 and 3 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by **Paul Wilson, O.L.S., dated January 6, 2009**. (Part 3 being the flooded portion to be retained by the Municipality of Highlands East).

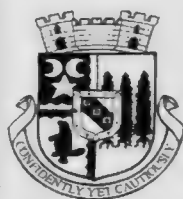
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**DATED** at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 17th day of February, 2009.

IRENE S. COOK, CMO CLERK/CEMC  
County Road 648, Box 295  
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT**

- **DATE:** Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009
- **TIME:** 11:00 am.
- **LOCATION:** Council Chambers at the Municipal Office,  
135 Maple Ave., Haliburton, Ontario.

**APPLICATIONS:**

1. D13-MV-09-002 – Lands of Frye
  - Purpose and Effect: The following variance is requested to permit the relocation and reconstruction of an accessory building with legal non-complying status located in the WR4L-1 zone.
    - a) variance pursuant to Section 3.19(a)(vi), to permit an increase to the area of encroachment in the water setback by an accessory building with legal non-complying status such that the accessory building will have dimensions of 7.3 metres (24 feet) by 5.5 metres (18 feet) for a total of 40.5 square metres (432 square feet).
  - Location: Part of Lot 15, Concession 7, Part 36, Plan RD48, Harcourt Township (Charlie George Lake – Bunting Lane)

**ANY PERSON** is entitled to attend the hearing in person to express his/her views about these applications or may be represented by counsel for that purpose. If you do not attend the hearing the Committee may proceed in your absence and you will not be entitled to any further notice of the proceedings. The Committee will accept written submissions. **A copy of the decision will be sent to the applicant, the agent and to each person who has filed with the Secretary Treasurer a written request for notice of the decision.**

**FURTHER INFORMATION:** including specific information about the zone provisions affected by each application, is available from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

Date: February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Patricia Martin, BES, MCIP, RPP  
Secretary – Treasurer, Committee of  
Adjustment



# Befundled exhibition

Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre presents an exhibition of the Fleming VCAD (Visual and Creative Arts Diploma) second semester studio work. Fourteen students will exhibit process-based projects involving personal themes and media. All work was created in a focused and challenging studio atmosphere.

This exhibition is an interpretive view of the process showing the progressive nature of the students' work, from initial concept through development stages. By intention, no finished work will be shown.

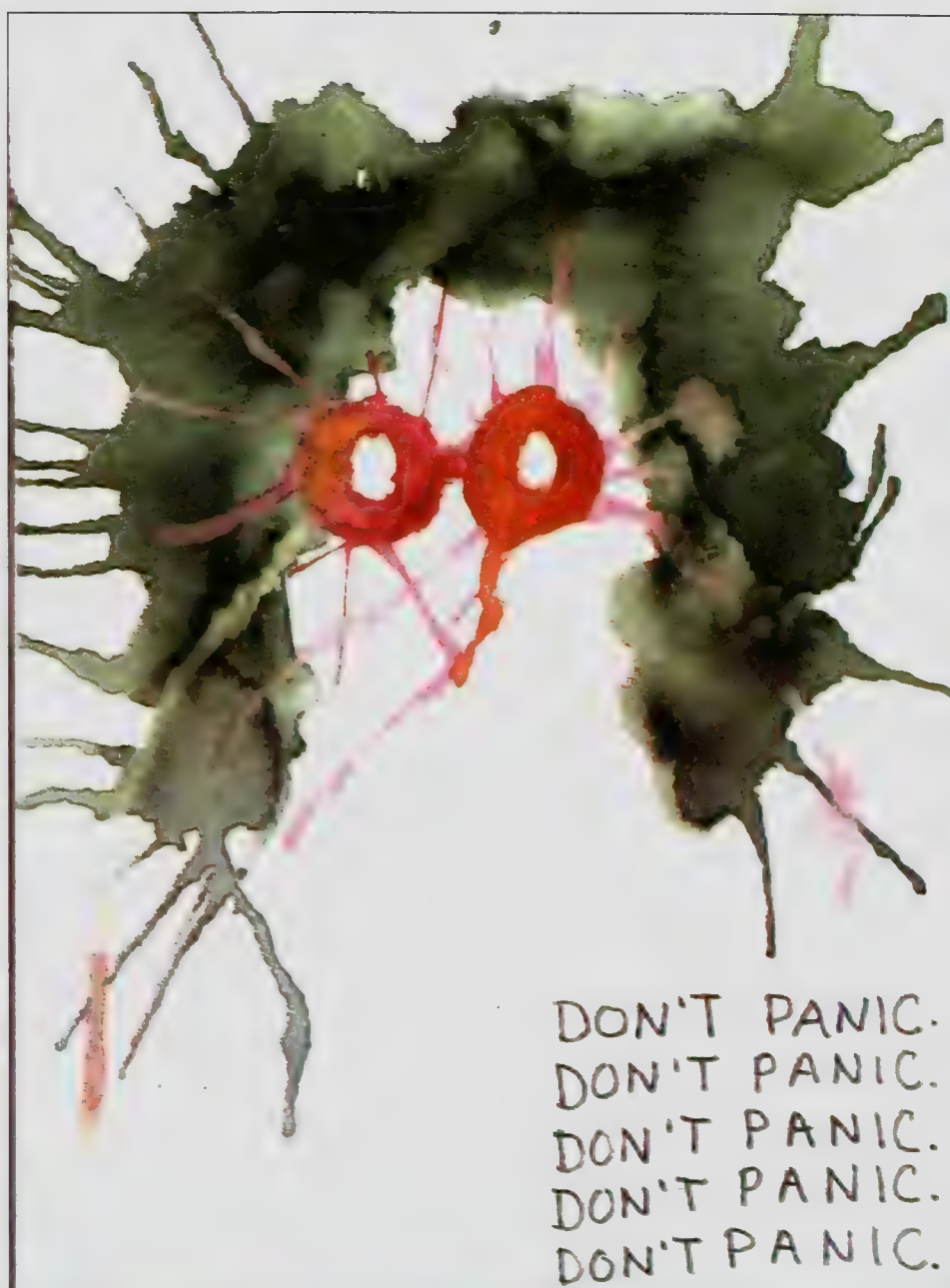
A wide variety of media explorations are evident from; air brush, collage, glass use,

marker, sculpture being the more traditional forms. Then there are "shrinky dinks," spray paint and paint made from kitchen ingredients including instant coffee and much more.

Befundled runs from February 26 to March 7. The students invite family, friends, peers and the general public to view their work and visually explore their artistic process this term. Opening reception is Thursday, February 26, from 4-6 p.m.

Visit [www.railsendgallery.com](http://www.railsendgallery.com) for information on gallery programs. Gallery hours are Wednesday to Friday 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Sat 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday 12-4 p.m.

Right, *Don't Panic*, 2009 Kaitlyn Hill ink on watercolour paper



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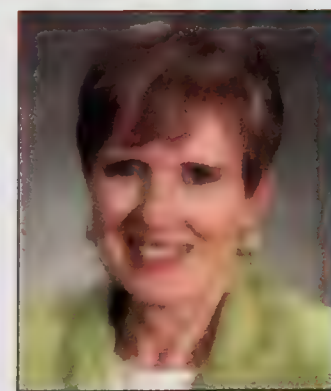
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# Will that be Paper or Plastic?

Students present two plays on March 2 and 3

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Have you ever thought about how many people a store cashier sees in a day? And what a variety of personalities she must deal with?

Sarah, "the new girl in town," learns a lot about life when she takes a job in a store in the Red Hawk Theatre Company's upcoming production of *Paper or Plastic?*

The one-act play is Haliburton Highlands Secondary School's entry in the upcoming Sears Drama Festival in Brantford.

Local audiences will be able to get a preview of the production on March 2 and 3 at the Northern Lights Pavilion.

Emily Stonehouse, who's directing the play with Natasha Martin, says the main character must overcome a slew of challenges in her new job – least of which are hysterical customers.

"Challenges build her character," Emily says. "It's a metaphorical representation of life."

The cast and crew include:

- Morgan McGillvray as Sarah
- Alex Lopez as the cowboy
- Amanda vanLieshout as a ditzy cashier
- Monica Sullivan as Little Sam
- Travis Stephens as the store manager
- Charley Nelson as the cart hunter
- Madison Bailey as the "tabloid woman" and
- Emily Stonehouse as the "smashed egg woman."

The indispensable stage manager is Erica Sullivan and Kelsey Pierson is doing the lighting. The students would like to thank teachers Darrell Dobson and Ryan Merritt for their advice and support.

*Paper or Plastic?* will begin at 7 p.m. on March 2 and 3 at the Pavilion.

Also on the playbill is *Kanini*, a play written by HHSS students Holly Quibell and Carolyn Barnes. It's more than a comedy, the two playwrights say, it's a genre.

Tickets for the evening are \$5 each.



Morgan McGillvray, Travis Stephens, Monica Sullivan, Charley Nelson and Amanda vanLieshout are entering the Sears Drama Festival with their play, *Paper or Plastic?*

DEADLINE  
FOR NOMINATIONS  
MARCH 6, 2009

## Business and Community Achievement Awards

### THE HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2008 BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

#### Nomination Form

- Small Business of the Year (1-25 Employees, Member of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, in business for 3+ years)
- Large Business of the Year (26+ Employees, Member of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, in business for 3+ years)
- New Business of the Year (in business 3 years or less)
- Not-For-Profit Business of the Year (in business for 3+ years)
- Young Entrepreneur of the Year (29 yrs & under)
- Highlander of the Year
- Customer Service of the Year (New this Year)

*Note: Warden Award of the Year (selected by the Warden of Haliburton County) and Youth of the Year (selected by the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School) are not nominated awards.*

#### Nominee Information:

Company/Organization/Individual: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Employees: \_\_\_\_\_

Years in Operation: \_\_\_\_\_

Nomination Submitted by:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company/Organization/Individual: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the Nominee aware of this Award?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Related to the criteria for selection please give a brief explanation why you feel this Company/Organization/Individual deserves this award. Attach extra pages if needed.

*The Chamber does not disclose the name of the nominator. Nominations will be accepted until February 27th, 2009. Nominations can be emailed, mailed or faxed or dropped in the depot box at the Chamber Office in Minden. Box 147, Minden, ON. K0M 2K0 Fax: (705) 286-6016 email: admin@hhchamber.on.ca*

Nomination entry box locations:  
Minden: Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, Minden Times and TD Bank.  
Haliburton: Haliburton Echo, County Commercial Printers, Cordell Carpet, and BMO.  
For Nomination criteria visit [www.hhchamber.on.ca](http://www.hhchamber.on.ca)

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#### Benefits include

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Year round employment

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## Landowners can get help planting trees

Want to replace forest lost by wind and storm damage?

A tree-planting program with the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council provides a solution for woodlots damaged by storms.

The program is a partnership project with the Bancroft Area Stewardship Council aimed at supplying various tree species to landowners at a reduced rate in order to encourage responsible woodlot management.

It is a great opportunity for those who lost trees in recent storms to reforest and rehabilitate woodlots at a discounted price. There are a limited number of trees

available and trees are available on a first-come-first-served basis. Native trees will be available to landowners within the County of Haliburton, based on an application which must be submitted to the Council.

The intent of the program is to provide landowners, meeting the eligibility criteria, with trees native to Haliburton's seed zone in order to support their efforts of sustainable woodlot management. Smaller properties and significant lands such as schools, waterfront and wildlife habitat will be reviewed on a case by case basis. The Stewardship Council is also offering a shrub and shoreline naturalization component to the program for landowners with diverse planting needs. Use of trees for aesthetic landscaping purposes is not permitted. Application deadline is March 1/09.

To obtain an application or for more information, please contact the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council at 705-286-5206 or [lindsay.christie@ontario.ca](mailto:lindsay.christie@ontario.ca) or visit our website at [www.ontariostewardship.org/Haliburton](http://www.ontariostewardship.org/Haliburton).



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• February 24: St. Georges Anglican Church 70th Annual Pancake Supper at the Haliburton Legion Hall – Come and join us from 5 – 7 p.m Cost is \$15 per family, \$5 adults, \$3.50 children 6-12 and under 6 yrs is free.

• February 24: Fenelon Falls United Church Pancake Supper – 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Adults \$7. Children 12 and under are FREE. Contact Church office 887-3040.

• February 26: Haliburton Legion Branch 129 Ladies Auxiliary General Meeting – will be held at 1:30 p.m. Members please note the change in date and time.

• February 28: Farewell to February - Members of the Haliburton Highlands Writers' and Editors' Network celebrate the end of February and enjoy a sumptuous breakfast at Minden's Grill on the Gull. Local journalist and videographer, George Farrell, will discuss writing for various modern media and how he "came to writing from a different background than most writers." A bargain at \$18 for members; \$20 non-members. Doors open at 9 a.m.; breakfast at 9:30. Advance registration by February 24 required. Call (705) 286-2592.

• March 1: S.E.A.L Meeting at Bobcaygeon Municipal Service Centre – Join us at 2 p.m. Speaker Frank Smith on sustainable gardening and sustainable living. All welcome, come and join in. Sustainable ecological alternatives for living, [www.sealweb.org](http://www.sealweb.org)

• March 6: Circle of Hope – Hospice Kawartha Lakes hosts a drop-in grief support group for the newly bereaved from 12-1:30 pm at 112 McLaughlin Road, Lindsay. Light lunch provided. For more information call 324-2811 ext 3.

• March 6: Haliburton County Folk Society presents Winter Folk Camp at the YMCA Wanikita. For more information see [www.winterfolkcamp.com](http://www.winterfolkcamp.com).

• March 19: OEYC Play and Learn visits Lloyd Watson Community Centre in Wilberforce – From 9 :30 a.m. – noon. Families with children from 0-6 years join us for activities, crafts, music circles, guest speakers, nutritional snack and more! For more information phone Julie at 286-1770 or leave a message at 457-2989.

• March 20: Circle of Hope – Hospice Kawartha Lakes hosts a drop-in grief support group for the newly bereaved from 12-1:30 pm at 112 McLaughlin Road, Lindsay. Light lunch provided. For more information call 324-2811 ext 3.

• March 25: OFigure Out Food Labels<sup>1</sup> Tour, Foodland Haliburton (188 Highland St) 1:30 p.m. - A Registered Dietitian with the Health Unit will help participants learn to read food labels and understand product claims. Take-home material provided. Free Pre-register by calling (705) 457-1391, ext. 245.

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# Community saddened at loss of Keith Tallman

community news

## wilberforce

Hilda Clark  
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We are saddened to report that Keith Tallman, lifetime resident of Wilberforce, died peacefully in hospital in Peterborough on Sunday afternoon, February 22 2009. Keith had been hospitalized for over a month in both Peterborough and Toronto being treated for heart problems and other complications. Keith, a former reeve of the municipalities of Monmouth and Highlands East, will be well remembered for his dedicated service in this area and throughout Haliburton County. Funeral visitation will be at the Haliburton Community Funeral Home on Tuesday, February 24 from 7 to 9 p.m. There will be an hour for visitation at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre in Wilberforce before the funeral at the centre at 11 a.m.

Memorial donations can be made to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation or St. Margaret's Anglican Church.

A special relationship is established as a member of the clergy begins ministry in a new parish or pastoral charge. Though this relationship grows and develops over time, a public service to celebrate its beginning is significant. And so a Covenanting Service was held at the Wilberforce United Church on Sunday, February 22, 2009 to establish the shared ministry of the Reverend Patsy Henry, the Tory Hill Pastoral Charge and the Lindsay Presbytery.

Presiding at the service was Rev. Alan Boyd, chairperson of the Lindsay Presbytery. Other guest clergy were the Rev. Max Ward and the Rev. Ceri Rees who preached the sermon. Among those from the Gooderham and

Wilberforce United Churches who took part were Nina Clarke and Chuck Viner who read lessons, Sharon Traviss and Colleen Ward who led prayers, and Ron Barr, chair of the selection committee, who formally presented the Rev. Patsy Henry.

The choir with director Shirley Riley and pianist Margaret Dugas sang several anthems and led the hymns.

During the covenanting action, which was at the heart of the service, pledged commitment was spoken by Rev. Henry, the leaders of the Lindsay Presbytery and members of the Wilberforce and Gooderham congregations. As visible symbolic meanings of the shared ministry presentations of a Bible, water, cup and bread and a candle were made by Bea Viner, Ginny Carmichael, Carol Crowley and Merle Clarke and received by Rev. Henry.

After the commissioning and benediction, the service closed with "All The Way My Saviour Leads Me." Most of the congregation, which included some of Rev. Henry's family and friends, enjoyed an evening meal together.

The BEAR project was a great success again in 2008. What is BEAR? It stands for Buy, Enjoy And Return. In a small section of Agnew's General Store are some racks and piles of books that have been donated. Readers "rent" these books for 25 cents each (a little more for hard backs), read them and bring them back. Cathy Agnew reports that in 2008 they raised \$1,400 which has been distributed to worthy recipients; \$500 was given to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation and the Word Of Life Outreach and food bank in Wilberforce received \$400. Wilberforce Minor Hockey and the Wilberforce Figure Skating club each were given \$200. One hundred dollars were donated to the Wilberforce School as part of the Smart School Board Fundraiser. Cathy extends thanks to all who support this effort by supplying books and buying books. Thanks to the Agnew family for



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Every time skaters made a loop around the Wilberforce arena, teachers such as Allison Logan were standing by to record their success.

their continued work in and for this community.

Quilters are welcome and needed to help with this year's quilt that will be raffled to support projects at our museum.

There are NO pancakes being served at St. Margaret's on Pancake (Shrove) Tuesday, February 24 this year. The ACW hope that this has not inconvenienced anyone and that they will be able to have it next year.

The Rev. Margaret Milne was the guest preacher at St. Margaret's on Sunday February 22.

The annual Fred Agnew Memorial Hockey Tournament was a huge success. At the Wilberforce Arena two levels of teams played entertaining hockey on Saturday and Sunday February 21 and 22. The participants make up teams to enter this event. Many are guys who no longer play hockey on a regular basis. They play for fun. They played in memory of Freddie Agnew, a young man who loved hockey and sadly died of heart problems while playing the game. Those who organize and participate in this tournament are truly appreciated.

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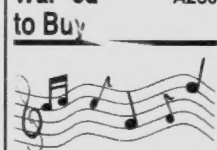
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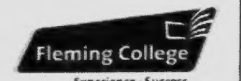
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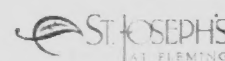
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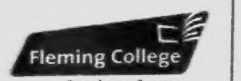
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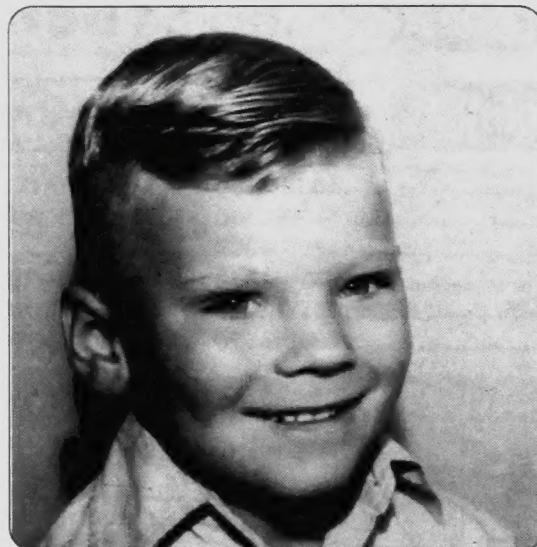
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**NEED INFORMATION ON PARENTS OF PENNSYLVANIA MATHESON BICE 1810-1884.** Buried in the Maple Lake United Cemetery. James Sawyer descendants, may have information.  
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# Announcements

## Birthday greetings

### Happy 60th Birthday!



### Dennis Debler

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## Obituaries

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### Steve Walchuk

Steve Walchuk was devoted to his family and how appropriate that he died peacefully at home on Family Day February 16th, 2009, surrounded by Nellie and his girls. Steve is survived by his loving wife Nellie of 54 years and daughters, Evelyn (Lee), Janice (John) and Barb (Vince). Grandchildren, Lisa (Kurtis), Shaun, Jessica, Alex, Jenny, Stephen, Andrea and Wesley will miss their morning breakfasts with their Grandpa at the cottage. And we can't forget to mention his Freda (woof woof) who was always by his side. Steve was born in Melville Saskatchewan in 1927. He is survived by his siblings Merv (Nancy), Jane (Bob), Ted (Agnes), Edward (Luba), brother-in-law Fred and nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his sister Anne, and brothers Peter (Chris) and John (Mary). Steve is famous for initiating his coffee club at the cottage where friends and family would gather every morning. Lake Haliburton will not be the same without him. He will be remembered for his generosity, kindness and sense of humour. We will miss our Steve/Dad, however the legacy of the cottages will keep us together always. Funeral was held February 19 in Toronto. Internment to take place in the spring at Evergreen Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

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# Announcements

## Deaths

**Adrianus Jan "Art" van der Grient** - Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Wednesday, February 18, 2009 surrounded by his loving family. Art is survived by his loving wife Nel of 55 years, by his daughters Elke and her husband Roland Zilla of Haliburton, and Annie Beattie of Fergus, by his grandchildren Caleb, Cassidy, Aaron and Nicole (Roberto). Dear brother of Jan (Lenny), Wim (deceased), Pieter (Rinie), Ans (Cees), Netty (Jan), Lena, Betty (Wim), Arya (Henk), Roza (Ruud), Nicke (Pieter) and Mario (Cara). Art is fondly remembered by his family and friends in Canada and Holland. A Reception in Celebration of Art's Life will be held in March on a date that will be announced. Cremation has taken place. Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Service Foundation (HHHSF) can be arranged through the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0. [www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com](http://www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com)

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**McKNIGHT, Dale Clifford** - Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Friday, February 6, 2009. At the age of 63. Beloved husband of Susan (nee English). Dear father of Dwayne, Lesia and her husband Dave Shaw, and Tina. Dear son of Norma and her husband Joe Maguire and the late Harry McKnight and brother of wife Marion. Loving grandpa of Christina, Stephanie, Jason, Joshua, and Christopher. Fondly remembered by his nieces, nephews, family and friends. Friends are invited to visit the family at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden on Monday from 2-4 and 7-9 pm. Funeral Service in the chapel on Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow in the family centre at the Funeral Home. Cremation to follow. Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (H.H.H.S.F.) would be appreciated by the family. [www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com](http://www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com)

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## Engagements

**MITCHELL MACINNES**



Donnie and Sandra Mitchell of Indian River, along with Darren and Rose MacInnes of Oshawa are thrilled to announce the engagement of their children, Amanda to Tyler. The wedding will take place August 2011.

## Obituaries

**GILMORE, Connor** - Went home to be the Lord on February 8, 2009 at the tender age of 14. Connor passed way after a courageous battle with cancer. Will be cherished by his parents Rick and Sandie and his big sister Ashley. Loving grandson of David and Marion Gold and Harry and Elaine Gilmore. Adored by his aunts and uncles Jeff, Lorraine, Jason and Irene. Fondly remembered by his many friends. The family received friends at the **McEACHNIE FUNERAL HOME**, visitation was on Tuesday, February 10, 2009. Funeral service was held at Carruthers Creek Community Church on Wednesday, February 11, 2009. Interment will be held in the spring at the Ingoldsby Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Hospital for Sick Children would be appreciated; The family would like to thank all their wonderful staff at Sick Kids for all their compassion and care for the past 2 1/2 years. A book of condolences may be signed at [www.mceachnie-funeral.ca](http://www.mceachnie-funeral.ca)

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**The Family of Ed McGrath**

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## In memoriam

**In loving memory of our dear Mom & Nana who left us 4 years age February 23, 2005.**

*The rolling streams of life rolls on,  
but still the empty chair,  
Recalls the love, the voice, the smile,  
of the one who once sat there.*

Lovingly remembered by  
Brad, Rob, Vicky, Dean, Terri, and families

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**LITTLE, DONALD** - In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather and great grandfather who was taken from us far too soon on February 25, 1988.

*You touched so many people  
In a special kind of way.  
Family, friends and others  
Each and every day.*

*Sadly missed along life's way,  
But in our hearts, you will always be there.*  
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**LITTLE, LEONARD** - In loving memory of a dear son, brother, uncle and great uncle, who passed away February 14, 1996.

*Those we love we never lose for always they  
will be loved, remembered, treasured,  
always in our memory.*

**The Family**

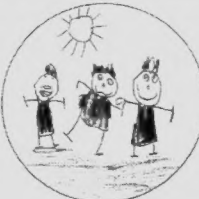
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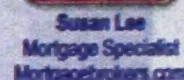
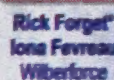
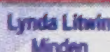
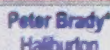
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